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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT APPEAL TO THE UNSC

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1. DURING AN AUGUST 26 CONVERSATION, THE WORKING LEVEL MFA
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS UNDERLINED TO AN EMBASSY
OFFICER THAT THE ABILITY OF "THOSE WHO WANTED TO HELP IN
CYPRUS" TO STOP THE TURKISH SETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA WOULD BE A
KEY TO WHETHER OR NOT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD BE RECONVENED.
TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS HAD TAKEN A COURAGEOUS STEP ON BEHALF OF THE
GOC, HE SAID, IN TELLING UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR
SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT THE GOC WAS STILL WILLING TO PURSUE THE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE TURKISH SIDE PERSIST IN
ITS "COLONIZATION" OF VAROSHA, HE WENT ON, IT WOULD MEAN THE
PERMANENT END OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, SINCE THE GOC COULD
NOT TOLERATE CONTINUED TURKISH "SALAMI TACTICS" IN EXTENDING
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THEIR CONTROL IN CYPRUS.

2. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, THE MFA OFFICIAL STATED, THAT AS A LAST RESORT THE GOC WAS NOW MAKING AN APPEAL TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. IF THE UNSC APPEAL FAILED, IT WOULD BE THE END OF ANY INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, HE WARNED, EVEN THOUGH ANY OTHER FORUM WHICH MIGHT LATER EMERGE WOULD BE LESS DESIRABLE FROM THE POINT

OF VIEW OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. (THE OFFICIAL LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD, BUT DID NOT SAY SO DIRECTLY, THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO THE USSR PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS.) EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE CLEARLY THE PREFERRED MECHANISM AVAILABLE TO WORK TOWARDS A CYPRUS SOLUTION, AND TO TERMINATE THEM WOULD MAKE AN EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

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